

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please amend the paragraphs as shown in the published application US 20060130836 as follows:*

[0060] Referring to FIG. 1 ~~the~~ a CPAP device 100 is initially available for use as a standalone CPAP. ~~The~~ In this configuration, the heater plate 106 ~~is being~~ isolated by a covering shroud ~~+02, the 102.~~ The shroud 102 also forms a connection port 104 for the CPAP blower outlet ~~+04.~~ The heated humidification hardware ~~being~~ is disabled by the absence of the activation tool.

[0061] Upgrade to a CPAP device ~~including~~ that includes heated humidification is completed by the installation of the actuation tool. Removal of the heater plate isolating shroud 102 shown in FIG. 3, and/or installing the actuation tool enables the software controlled heated humidification hardware ~~+06~~ for heated humidifier operation.

[0064] The heater plate vestibule is covered by a shroud 102. A mechanical key (110, FIG. 2A) is used to remove the shroud 102. The heater plate control knob 108 is locked off by the shroud 102 as shown in FIG. 2A. The upgrade kit may include a knob to turn the heater plate 106 on. In one embodiment shown in FIGS. 2A & 2B engaging the key 110 pushes two snap fit flanges 112, allowing the shroud 102 to be removed.

[0065] Also includes a shroud 102 as in FIG. 2 but in addition there is a key which has magnets in a predetermined pattern. This key is slid into a cavity in the case. Inside the case

there are Hall effect sensors that detect the pattern of magnets. If the key is detected, the heater plate is activated.

[0066] Also includes a shroud 102 as in FIG. 2 but in addition there is a code number that is entered into the device. The dealer phones a freephone number with the serial number of the CPAP device and pays for the upgrade. The freephone service then gives the dealer a code number that is specific to the serial number of the CPAP device. This code number is then entered into a keypad (not shown) to activate the humidifier.

[0070] Additionally, the dongle may contain some of the electronic circuit needed to operate the heater plate. Again a shroud 102 as seen in FIGS. 1 and 2 would be required.

[0072] It will be appreciated that while in the preferred embodiment the unhumidified CPAP configuration utilises a shroud 102 over the heater plate, this is not required. The heater plate 106, could be rendered in ~~operable/by operable~~ inoperable/operable by any of the methods described, but with the water chamber 200 in place in both configuration.

[0075] 1. Heater plate control is by a rotary potentiometer 108, 400. This can be incapacitated by a lock to physically prevent the potentiometer from turning. Upgrade to active humidification requires a second key to remove the potentiometer lock and activate the heater.

[0079] 1. Heater tube control by a rotary potentiometer 402, which is locked to physically prevent the potentiometer from turning. Upgrade requires a third key to remove the heated tube potentiometer lock and activate the heated tube.